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109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To provide for the same treatment of all individuals notified of possible qualification for low-income subsidies for purposes of enrollment and the waiver of late enrollment penalties under the Medicare part D program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WEXLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Part D
5 Deadline Equality Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF SAME MEDICARE PART D SPECIAL**
2 **ENROLLMENT AND WAIVER OF LATE EN-**
3 **ROLLMENT PENALTY RULES FOR ALL INDIV-**
4 **IDUALS NOTIFIED OF POSSIBLE QUALIFICA-**
5 **TION FOR LOW-INCOME SUBSIDIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any special enrollment period for
7 2006 established under section 1860D–1(b)(3) of the So-
8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-101(b)(3)) for sub-
9 sidy-eligible individuals, and any waiver of a late enroll-
10 ment penalty applicable to such individuals, shall apply to
11 all notified part D eligible individuals without regard to
12 whether or not they are subsidy-eligible individuals.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

14 (1) NOTIFIED PART D ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

15 The term “notified part D eligible individual” means
16 a part D eligible individual (as defined in section
17 1860D–1(a)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
18 U.S.C. 1395w-101(a)(3)(A)) who is notified by the
19 Secretary of Health and Human Services after May
20 15, 2006, but before November 15, 2006, that the
21 individual may qualify for a low-income subsidy
22 under section 1860D–14(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395w-114(a)).

24 (2) SUBSIDY-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term
25 “subsidy-eligible individual” means a part D eligible
26 individual (as so defined) who is determined to be a

1 subsidy-eligible individual (as defined in section
2 1860D-14(a)(3) of the Social Security Act, 42
3 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)(3)).